

## Mrs. Meir in Washington IT'S TIME TO MAKE SERIOUS MOVE TO PEACE

By SAM LIPSKI

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WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Meir has begun her 10-day here with praise for "the people" of the U.S. in the Middle East and a declaration that it was time for serious movement to a peace settlement.

Mrs. Meir expressed the hope that the downing of the Libyan aircraft would not interfere with any discussions she will hold with President Nixon and senior American officials in Washington.

Prime Minister was speaking at a news conference on Monday night at the National Airport in Washington, after a day of consultations and meetings with aides.

Mrs. Meir will meet today Deputy Secretary of State Frank Rusk, who is acting Secretary in William Rogers' absence.

her airport conference, Mrs. Meir reportedly referred to the incident as a "tragedy." Asked if she was now concerned that the powers might try to impose a settlement, Mrs. Meir replied:

"On the one hand the United States does not sit back and not... it is very interested, very much so, that there should be a step towards peace. But on the other hand, it was not trying to impose a settlement but was speaking to all parties in the area."

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Mrs. Meir speaking to reporters upon her arrival at Dulles International Airport on Monday.

of American public opinion. The majority of questions from correspondents on her arrival dealt with the broader questions of a Middle East settlement and the American role.

But the incident is affecting some of Mrs. Meir's arrangements here. She cancelled her acceptance of a luncheon invitation by the editorial board of the "Washington Post."

The luncheon, originally scheduled for yesterday, was cancelled after the "Post" published an editorial, strongly critical of Israel over the Libyan plane incident.

Mrs. Meir is said to have felt she could not meet those who had been responsible for the editorial attacks.

During her stay at the oceanfront estate, a coast guard patrol boat swept back and forth in the Atlantic, keeping all boats away from the area.

Two soldiers were slightly injured last night when their vehicle hit a mine on the road near Sheikh Zouaid, in northern Sinai.

Security forces began an immediate search of the area.

Arab League plans joint 'defence fund'

CAIRO (UPI). — The Arab League has drawn up a plan for establishing a joint fund to finance the "defensive operations necessary for liberating the occupied Arab lands," the semi-official Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

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## U.N. aviation unit to discuss resolution on plane tragedy

UNITED NATIONS. — The 125-nation International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) yesterday quickly accepted an Egyptian request to discuss Israel's downing of a Libyan airliner over Sinai.

The disaster was placed on the agenda of the ICAO's four-day assembly. Egyptian delegate Fouad Mourad told the opening session that the Sinai affair was "a flagrant crime against the safety of international aviation" and world public opinion demanded action.

Israel delegate Ya'acov Doron said his country agreed to taking up the issue. He asked the assembly "not to prejudge the issue but to consider it in a calm and sober manner with a view to finding ways and means to avoid such tragedies in the future."

Debate on the plane incident was expected to start this afternoon or tomorrow.

Egypt circulated a proposal that would have ICAO send a fact-finding investigation into the tragedy that claimed 104 lives.

The draft resolution declared that the shooting "affects and jeopardizes the safety of international civil aviation" and it was urgent that an immediate investigation be made. It asked that all parties cooperate with an investigating team.

Sixty-three ICAO member countries declared support for taking up the issue. Some present objected but Israel took issue with Egypt's formal description of the Sinai as "occupied Egyptian territory."

In supporting Egypt, Soviet delegate V. Mozorov branded the shooting "a new link in the chain of murders committed by the Israeli aggressors against the Arab states."

In London, the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) said it could find "no justification" for the downing of the plane and called for an impartial investigation of the incident.

A statement issued by the five-member governing body of IFALPA, which represents airline pilots associations in 64 countries, said:

"IFALPA can find no justification for the excessive use of force applied by the Israeli authorities to a civil airline, the erratic behaviour of which, from the evidence available, would appear to have indicated an error of navigation, rather than a military threat."

IFALPA also stressed that "the combination of very strong tailwinds, inadequate navigational aid in the Cairo area, absence of civil radar facilities and lack of civil and military cooperation provided the environment contributory to the disaster."

"The only proper course must be the constructive rather than retaliatory. All parties should now channel their efforts in the direction of obtaining greater safety. With this in view, IFALPA strongly endorses the establishment of an impartial investigation with the prime objective of making recommendations to avoid any such disaster in the future." It said this would be for universal application, and not exclusive to the Middle East area.

An IFALPA spokesman said the governing body rejected any suggestion that pilots of member associations boycott flights to and from Israel. As far as was known, such a suggestion was never tabled, although the idea had been discussed outside the meeting.

In Geneva, the U.N. Human Rights Commission condemned the "massacre of innocents" in the plane incident, and decided to send a cable to Israel about the "cruel and unjustifiable act." And in Brussels, the World Confederation of Labour "severely condemned" the downing of the plane, and urged the U.N. and the Big Powers to start negotiations to create a dialogue between the Israeli and Arab governments.

(AP, UPI)

## Brezhnev talks four hours with Gen. Ismail

MOSCOW (UPI). — Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev met for four hours with Egypt's War Minister Gen. Ahmed Ismail yesterday to discuss military and political aspects of the Middle East situation, Egyptian officials said.

"The meeting was conducted in a very warm atmosphere," an Egyptian spokesman said. "It shows that relations between the two countries remain close."

The spokesman declined to say if Ismail asked Brezhnev for more arms.

Reports from Cairo before Ismail's arrival here on Monday said it "should be assumed that this was the purpose of his visit."

The Egyptian spokesman said Ismail, who is expected to remain in Moscow about five days, will continue negotiations today with Marshal Andrei Grechko, the Soviet Defence Minister who met with Ismail on Monday and sat in on his meeting with Brezhnev yesterday, along with Egyptian Ambassador Yehia Abdel Kader.

These talks said the two had "a warm and friendly talk on matters of mutual interest."

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## Viet talks in Paris break down over PoWs

ROGERS TOLD TO ASK HANOI  
WHY RELEASE BEING DELAYED

PARIS. — The 13-nation Vietnam peace conference plunged into crisis yesterday following orders from President Nixon to Secretary of State William Rogers to take no further part until Hanoi explains why it is holding up prisoner of war releases.

As President Nixon's orders reached Paris, the conference was thrown into further turmoil by a North Vietnamese boycott of a crucial peace-keeping session. Its delegates stayed away from a meeting of officials called to continue work on a blueprint for guaranteeing permanent peace.

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North Vietnam announced earlier it would not release any more American prisoners until the U.S. and South Vietnam tried to remedy other problems concerning the cease-fire and Communist representatives in South Vietnam were given better treatment.

Asked if the conference has come to a halt, U.S. delegation spokesman Robert McCloskey said, "The (Washington) statement speaks for itself." Pressed to say whether he expects the conference to fail, Mr. McCloskey said, "We hope we can solve the matter of the prisoners by the clarification that we get from the North Vietnamese here." But, he added, "A new and important matter of some urgency is before us."

Mr. McCloskey said a meeting yet has been scheduled between Mr. Rogers and North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh. Mr. McCloskey branded as "clearly inadmissible" any Hanoi attempt to place conditions on the release of more U.S. prisoners. He said the cease-fire agreement signed here a month ago yesterday "is unequivocal on the matter of the prisoners and not subject to any definition."

Mr. McCloskey appeared grim as he answered questions from reporters jammed into a U.S. Embassy briefing room.

In announcing Mr. Nixon's instructions to Mr. Rogers, the White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler told newsmen that "the release of American prisoners is an unconditional obligation of the cease-fire agreement."

Mr. Ziegler said Mr. Nixon directed Mr. Rogers to raise the matter in Paris with the North Vietnamese Foreign Minister "as a matter of highest priority" before any other business is transacted at the conference. Mr. Ziegler said the agreement calls for release of American prisoners at "a rate no slower" than the withdrawal of American troops.

More than half of the almost 25,000 troops that were in Vietnam when the cease-fire began have now been removed, Mr. Ziegler said, pointing out that the release of the prisoners is at least 120 men behind schedule.

Mr. Ziegler refused to predict the next U.S. move in the event North Vietnam does not quickly release the next group of prisoners.

Mr. Ziegler, in response to a question, declined to say whether President Nixon was angered by the hold-up in the release of American prisoners, but he said the White House statement perfectly reflected Mr. Nixon's view of the situation.

Conference sources in Paris said they and the other governments represented at the parley agreed yesterday on a system for reconvening to deal with any peace violations.

The Hanoi regime's chief spokesman in Saigon, Bui Tin, told newsmen that the decision to hold up the next scheduled prisoner release was taken "reluctantly."

"But we want to see some decisive steps taken by the other side toward the consolidation of the peace," he added. "We have turned from a military to a peaceful fight. We want to turn over a new leaf in our relations with the Americans."

Challenged on this point by the Hanoi chief Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, the Minister said efforts should be made to harness the price rise this year to approximately eight per cent. But he would not accept the exact figure as an ultimatum.

The Hanoi chief consented to join the committee of 10 which will work out the above programme in detail; but the employers demanded time for consultation. Mr. Sapir made it clear that he would not take part in a committee of two (Government and Histadrut). Either all three parties are in it, or there will be no committee, he said.

The Minister's aide, Dan Halprin, explained to reporters last night that not all the ideas that Mr. Sapir brought up for discussion in the Prime Minister's committee have to be applied.

The committee of 10 will recommend enough measures to keep the price rise within the limits of around eight per cent. It all parties decide that an extension of the sales tax, as urged by the Bank of Israel, is preferable to some of the other alternatives, that is also a possibility, he pointed out.

The budget for subsidies in the current year totals IL500m. To keep prices of essential goods and services unchanged, IL670m. would have to be provided in 1977/78. Mr. Sapir suggests splitting the difference. Half would be covered from the Budget (thus raising outlay to IL735m.) — and the remaining IL235m. would be paid by the public through higher prices.

The Government is not only taking, it is also giving — conditionally. Mr. Sapir listed extra expenditure in new, over and above what is provided in the Budget estimates: higher export incentives, extra allocations to the health services, and a freeze on municipal rates — which involves special grants from the Treasury to localities in need. Also the Government must supply money for frost compensation to farmers.

Against this, he expects the other two partners (employers and workers) to do their share — and that

North Vietnam and the Vietcong released 143 U.S. military and civilian prisoners on February 12 and Hanoi released another 20 on February 18 in a goodwill gesture after the visit to Hanoi of Henry Kissinger. That left 422 U.S. military and civilian prisoners in North and South Vietnam and Laos.

The peace agreement signed in Paris says only that American prisoners will be released by March 28, at a rate matching the rate of U.S. troop withdrawals. But Dr. Kissinger indicated he expected the prisoners to be released in four roughly equal groups at two-week intervals.

It was that expectation, coupled with U.S. troop withdrawals now at the halfway point, that led the Americans to anticipate release of the second batch of prisoners around yesterday.

Differences on the prisoners became public when Tin told Saigon newsmen there will be no further release of American prisoners until several points in the peace agreement are honoured by the U.S. and South Vietnam.

Tin indicated Hanoi particularly wanted the release of civilian prisoners held by the Saigon regime and an end to harassment of the Vietcong and North Vietnamese delegations to the Joint Military Commission.

Leaves Moscow for Israel in convict's dress as protest

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A leading Soviet Jewish activist left here yesterday on his way to Israel — dressed in a convict's uniform from Russia's Vladimir Prison.

Alexei Tumerman, 32, told foreign correspondents before leaving Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport for Vienna that he was wearing the black denim cap and suit in protest against the imprisonment of Vladimir Bukovsky, a Russian dissenter.

Bukovsky, now held at Vladimir, was sentenced last year to 12 years in prison, labour camp and exile for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

He was well known abroad for publishing stories of political dissidents in the Soviet Union being confined to psychiatric hospitals for their views.

Crowds storm police station after Chile leftist seized

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — About 500 persons armed with sticks and rocks stormed a police station in southern Chile in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue a man arrested during a political rally, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

The newspaper "La Segunda," in a report from the scene, identified the crowd as members of the Revolutionary Left Movement, a left-wing fringe organization known by its Spanish initials as the MIR.

Interior Minister Carlos Prats, an army general, said seven policemen were injured but drove the assailants away by firing shots in the air.

The trouble reportedly began late Monday night outside the police station, near the southern city of Puerto Monto.

The prisoner, arrested following a leftist political rally for Sunday's congressional elections, was transferred to another lockup when a large crowd had formed outside, "La Segunda" said.

Early yesterday, the crowd showed up again and damaged the building and three police vehicles in a hail of rocks and sticks, the newspaper reported.

Prats refused to state the political affiliation of the crowd when he met with newsmen following a meeting with Chilean political leaders.

During the meeting, he failed to reach an accord with them on a prohibition of all public demonstrations on election day after results are in.

## 'Black September plans U.S. hijack'

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Congressman John Murphy said yesterday the Federal Aviation Administration is alerting its security forces that the Black September group is planning to hijack a commercial airliner, probably in the U.S.

"Their purpose is to use the seized plane and its kidnapped passengers to free political prisoners held in London, Italy and Austria," Mr. Murphy said.

His statement about the Arab terrorist organization was contained in testimony prepared for a House Commerce subcommittee which is holding hearings on anti-hijacking legislation. Mr. Murphy is the author of a tough anti-hijack bill.

Mr. Murphy said his information came from "confidential sources." He said, "Several suitcases containing weapons which were to be used in the plot have already been seized."

Mr. Murphy did not elaborate on where the suitcases were found, nor did he give any more details of the hijack plot. "This information is derived from and disseminated by the national and international system," he said, adding that an alert was going out "at this very moment."

## Sadat: No alternative to 'bearing arms'

By ANAN SAFADI  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday said that his countrymen have no alternative "other than bearing arms" to fight Israel. If they did not, he said, they would have to surrender.

Sadat was speaking to Egyptian newsmen, whom he criticized for playing up recent student and political unrest when Egypt was "in a state of war."

He said he had already decided to go to battle. The Egyptian people refuse either to surrender or to negotiate with Israel, he said, and he was "not the right man to accept surrender."

In the past Egypt had defeated the Tartars and the Crusaders and they "would defeat Zionism in this third invasion," he added.

He said that at the same time Egypt was preparing for the inevitable battle it was proceeding with diplomatic activity which serves the preparation.

Meanwhile, Sadat's national security adviser, Hafez Ismail, who last weekend held talks with

President Richard Nixon on the Middle East, prepared to leave the U.S. today for West Germany. Ismail returned to Washington from New York yesterday. Reports from Arab capitals said he was originally scheduled to fly home earlier in the week from New York.

Ismail's return to Washington coincided with a concentrated U.S. Middle East initiative now involving Egypt, Israel and Jordan. It is believed he was back in the capital for further talks with American officials, especially Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Cairo last night made no mention of Ismail's surprise return to Washington. The news of Ismail's movement was reported rather routinely by Amman Radio at the tail of an evening news broadcast.

## SAPIR TELLS INFLATION COMMITTEE Gov't opposes compulsory loan, hasn't suggested higher sales tax

By DAVID KHVINE  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The Government is against proposals for a compulsory loan, nor is it suggested upping the sales tax so far, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday. But it does propose a freeze on distributed profits, and a surtax on banks and insurance companies — provided the Histadrut agrees to abide by existing salary agreements, and waives its request for a cost-of-living allowance in July.

Mr. Sapir made these points at yesterday's meeting of the Prime Minister's Committee on Inflation in Jerusalem. After he had suggested a series of deflationary measures for consideration, the committee (comprising 19 members plus advisers) decided to dissolve — and be replaced by a tripartite actions committee.

The body, as suggested by Labour Minister Yosef Almog, would have 10 members (and no advisers), three representing the Government, three the employers and three the Histadrut, with Mr. Sapir in the chair.

The only proposals for discussion yesterday were those that Mr. Sapir submitted, after consultation with other members of the Government group (all Cabinet Ministers) in the larger committee. The Histadrut and employers delegations had no specific programme to present.

Here are Mr. Sapir's suggestions:

- The limiting of mortgage loans to social housing, and a shorter redemption period (which means bigger monthly payments for future mortgage-holders). The Finance Minister urged a slowdown in hotel construction, and the imposition of a special tax on flats above a certain price.
- A further Government loan from the banks, in addition to the IL250m. already budgeted for 1977/1978. This would squeeze credit to the public.

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## British trains stop running

LONDON (Reuters). — British passenger trains were to stop running at midnight last night, in a 24-hour nation-wide strike, a railway union announced. The decision came after nearly nine hours of talks.

London's underground system, the world's oldest, will also be affected. About half its drivers belong to the striking union.

The strike is over a pay claim partially blocked by government wage guidelines. Gas workers, hospital labourers, London school-teachers, civil servants, car workers and gasmen are among other groups involved in a series of spot protests against Conservative government policy.

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Pope abolishes Church chancellor

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — The office of Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Church, once described as the "right eye" of the Pope, was abolished as an anachronism by Pope Paul yesterday.

The announcement followed the resignation yesterday of the church's last Chancellor, Italian Cardinal Luigi Traglia, 77.

In the 11th century, Saint Bernard wrote that "there is no good done in this



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Colan	26	4-16	4-16
Nahariya	24	5-24	5-24
Safed	26	7-16	8-16
Tiberias	24	10-22	10-23
Nazareth	24	13-21	12-22
Afula	26	3-24	1-24
Shomron	19	12-20	12-21
Tel Aviv	18	12-20	12-21
Lod	18	8-26	7-26
Jericho	31	6-24	6-25
Gaza	16	11-25	10-26
Beersheba	14	6-24	4-24
Eilat	17	9-28	8-28
Tirana	23	13-25	11-26

**Social and Personal**

Dr. Carmen Naranjo, the new Costa Rican Ambassador, yesterday called on Tourism Minister Moshe Koi.

The British Ambassador, Mr. Bernard Ledwidge, visited the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday and was received by the President, Mr. Avraham Harman, the Rector, Prof. Michael Rabin, and the Vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

Seyf Demircioy, President of the Turkish Trade Unions, yesterday called on the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, and was entertained to lunch by the Deputy Secretary-General, Yerubam Meshel.

Elimelech Rimalt, chairman of the Knesset Education and Culture Committee, yesterday entertained to luncheon Herman Libers, president of the International Federation of Library Associations.

Mr. Max Sheln, Mexican member of the Technion's Board of Governors, visited the Technion yesterday and was received by President Alexander Goldberg.

The Weizmann Institute's acting president, Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, and Mrs. Dostrovsky yesterday gave a dinner at their home for the participants of a workshop on water problems being held at the Institute this week under the auspices of the International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Studies.

Ronald J.V. Begley and A.A. Best, manager and executive director (respectively) of the Rothschild International Bank Ltd., London, called yesterday on Mark Moscovici, President of the Manufacturers Association.

A student residence of 32 beds was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus by Louis Greenberg of Montreal, in memory of his brother, the late Albert M. Greenberg. The dedication and a luncheon which followed it were chaired by University Vice-President Bernard Cherrick.

Hassneh, the Histadrut-owned insurance corporation, yesterday announced the appointment of Eitan Avneon, former director of Bank Hapoalim, as co-general manager, together with Michael Nussbaum, who was elected Chairman of the Board.

Yitzhak Nisalyahu, former director of the Science-Based Industries Division of Koor, has been appointed general manager of the Bing Linal Public Relations Agency.

A grove honouring the people of Thailand was planted in the Paul Harris Forest at Biria (Upper Galilee), by Rotary of Israel yesterday.

Prof. Emma Plank, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, will lecture on "Working with Children in the Hospital" today at 12 noon in Hall "Dated," mezzanine floor, The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

Mrs. Esther Herlitz will speak (in English) on "Volunteers in Modern Social Services" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Benzion Luria, editor of the Biblical quarterly "Beth Mikrah," will lecture on "David's war against Edom" at a luncheon meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, today, 1 p.m., at the Y.M.C.A.

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**DEPARTURES**

Raphael Kotlovitz, chairman of the World Executive of Horei-Hatsahar, for a brief visit to Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Peru.

**Senior civil servants quit union, warn they'll strike**

By SHAYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Council of Senior Civil Servants yesterday resolved to leave the Civil Servants Union and declare a labour dispute if the Treasury does not meet their demands for regrading by March 25.

The Council, constituted in 1955, comprises 2,200 senior officials in the five upper grades (of a schedule of 20 grades) in Government service. The group is not recognized by the Civil Servants Union, to which all Government employees belong, but has been in existence de facto for nearly 20 years. Its present chairman is Yosef Behar, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Transport.

Mordechai Goldenberg, chairman of the group's Tel Aviv branch, explained the senior officials are objecting to an administrative head of an office being in a lower pay bracket than professionals working under him. This, he said, is the situation being created by current negotiations with the engineers.

The basic salary of a civil servant in grade 16 (fifth from the top) is IL788, going up to IL1,035 after 20 years of service; the corresponding figures for an engineer (in grade four) are IL985 to IL1,330. (These figures do not include cost-of-living allowances and other social benefits.)

Haim Bernstein, secretary of the Civil Servants Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* the senior officials had a case, but creation of a separate grouping within the Civil Servants Union requires a national convention.

"We shall formulate our stand when the agreements with the engineers are signed — and the senior officials should have waited until then," said Mr. Bernstein.

**LABOUR PARTY AIRS DELAYING HISTADRUT POLL**

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour party leaders are seriously considering a proposal to postpone the Histadrut elections until after the Knesset elections in October. The polling day set for the Histadrut is early in September, but the Histadrut constitution allows for the deadline to be shifted at the behest of the majority.

Labour party election organizers are fearful that the combined election campaigns to the Histadrut and the Knesset would enable Gahal and other opposition parties to focus their attack on Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's recent call for unilateral withdrawal before peace, and identify the entire Alignment with the Histadrut chief's views. By postponing the Histadrut elections, the Labour Party could separate the issues, and focus voters' attention on a renewed mandate for the Labour team in the government, led by Premier Meir, it is argued.

**Avneri's glass house**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Parliamentarians — like other people in glass houses — shouldn't throw stones.

Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh) found this out in the Knesset House Committee yesterday, when he complained that Yosef Tamir (Gahal) had accused him of "gangsterist methods." He was told in reply that he had used similar epithets himself in the plenum only a month earlier.

Mr. Avneri had asked that the House Committee be called to hear his complaint about Mr. Tamir, for using unparliamentary language about him.

Mr. Tamir, instead of taking the attack lying down, mounted a counter-attack, and combed through the Knesset record for examples of Mr. Avneri's more sarcastic comments.

The pearls which Mr. Tamir quoted in the House Committee hearing included the following, among others:

"An atmosphere of gangsterism, crime and violence has descended on the Knesset."

"Avraham Ofer organized the measure with his gangsterism."

"You are behaving like thieves in the night, using petty Mafia methods."

"It's not the Supreme Soviet here."

"There is no greater pornography than what you are doing in the Knesset today: you are exhibiting your nakedness."

These quotes brought the House Committee down on Mr. Avneri's head like a ton of bricks. He willingly accepted a suggestion that he withdraw his complaint about Mr. Tamir — and all his own unparliamentary excesses — after which Mr. Tamir would be asked to withdraw his own rebuke against Mr. Avneri.

(In point of fact, it is impossible for Mr. Avneri to withdraw what he said in the plenum last month, because the material has already gone to press.)

**Y.S. Shapiro criticizes trial by press**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Justice Minister Y. S. Shapiro yesterday criticized the frequent occurrence of trial by press in this country and charged that it could influence judges in their verdicts.

Replying to a Knesset question by Communist Shmuel Milikinis, arising out of the current espionage trial in Haifa of Jews and Arabs accused of working for Syrian intelligence, the Minister said he had encountered frequent comments in the press which took it for granted, a priori, that the accused were guilty.

**Knesset debates development of Kiryat Arba**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kiryat Arba, the Jewish quarter of Hebron, will have 634 apartments in Phase I — already built or in various stages of construction — and 1,000 apartments in Phase II, which is still being worked out on paper.

Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharaf said in the Knesset yesterday, replying to a debate on a motion for the agenda about the development of Kiryat Arba, presented by Gahal's Haim Corfu.

Mr. Sharaf said 234 apartments were already completed, and 200 more would be ready for occupancy by March 1974. A further 200 had been decided upon and budgeted for already.

The Minister said plans for the 1,000 apartments of Phase II would include a second school building and a shopping centre.

He promised that all young couples who qualified for state-assisted housing would get priority in Kiryat Arba. The Ministry has notified all the Jerusalem couples who failed to draw apartments so far in the Capital, and has offered them rental housing in Kiryat Arba, as flats become available. But not a single couple has taken up the offer, he said.

In his motion, Mr. Corfu said Kiryat Arba experiment would collapse if rapid efforts were not made to develop the place.

**Police chief slightly hurt in road accident**

TEL AVIV. — The Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosolio, was slightly injured yesterday evening in a collision between his car and an unidentified animal.

According to Itim, R/N Rosolio was travelling from Jerusalem to deliver a lecture in Tel Aviv. About four kilometres east of Ramat, his driver hit an animal crossing the road in the dark. R/N Rosolio was slightly injured in the head, and was sent home after receiving first aid at Magen David Adom in Jerusalem. Itim did not identify the animal or report what happened to it.

**Man, 20, killed by car near Tiberias**

TIBERIAS. — A 20-year-old man from Migdal, near here, was killed Monday night when he was run over by a car on the main road. The victim, Yirmiyahu Jacobs, was taken to Foria Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

**Gaza police to attend nat'l course**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Local policemen, for the first time, will attend a training course for sergeants at the national police training camp at Sherfem, it was announced yesterday.

Rav-Pakad Moshe Carmeli, acting commander of the Gaza Police District, made the announcement at a ceremony marking the end of a three-month course which saw 33 local policemen graduate to the rank of ray-shoter (corporal). He said 14 candidates will attend the sergeants' course.



Nurses at Hadassah's intensive care section battle to keep injured pilot Yonis el-Mehdi alive. This photo was taken through the glass partition of the ward.

**Libyan co-pilot's condition takes slight turn for worse**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The condition of Yonis A'id el-Mehdi, the co-pilot of the downed Libyan plane, has taken a slight but "not alarming" turn for the worse, a Hadassah Hospital spokesman said last night. His condition is still listed as critical.

Doctors said el-Mehdi has a collapsed lung and infected blood from inhaling too much smoke during the fiery crash of his plane in Sinai last Wednesday. He was transferred late Monday from the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba to Hadassah in Jerusalem, where he is in an intensive care section of the hospital under constant medical attention.

The pilot's Greek-born wife, who arrived last Wednesday night to maintain a constant vigil at his bedside, has been given a private room at Hadassah in which to rest, the spokesman said.

No change was reported yesterday in the condition of the six other survivors of the plane, who are still in Beersheba.

**Labour asks Socialist, Int'l support after plane incident**

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Labour Party has appealed to the Socialist International and its sister social-democratic parties to rally around Israel in the face of the wave of anti-Israel propaganda following the Libyan plane tragedy.

Recent propaganda, employing "terms of condemnation never used against others who open fire unhesitatingly against unauthorized flights over closed zones," it was stated in a series of messages cabled to social-democratic parties by Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin.

The Israel Labour Party, it was stated, deeply mourns the victims of the plane crash and is profoundly sorry about the incident caused by the plane crew's behaviour. The Labour Party pointed to the Israeli armed forces' constant endeavours to avoid loss of life even if this involves danger to their own men.

The Labour Party drew attention to the fact that it was the enemy that had converted civil aviation into a battlefield, heightening suspicions over the identity of the Libyan plane. Moreover — it was noted — the latest Egyptian rejection of Israeli offers to formulate joint preventive action for similar future emergencies was a regrettable repetition of past Egyptian refusals.

The Israel Labour Party appealed to its sister parties to influence the Egyptian Government to take part in joint emergency arrangements, and to use any available influence on the so-called Palestinian organization to prevent them hitting at civilian aircraft.

Liberal Party chairman Elimelech Rimalt, in his capacity as vice-president of the Liberal International, has cabled the International Association of Liberal and Radical Parties, and Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn — conveying his deep sorrow at the plane tragedy in Sinai. Dr. Rimalt, in his message, endeavoured to explain the circumstances that produced the tragedy and conveyed his support for the proposal of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan for establishing a "hot line" between Israel and its neighbours to prevent similar incidents in the future.

**Allon tells N.R.P. peace is closer**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon last night told the fourth convention of the National Religious Party that the country is perhaps closer to the beginnings of peace than many would think.

Speaking at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem, Mr. Alon said the ceasefire has its own dynamism which could ultimately bring peace.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg differed, and said that the N.R.P. should stand by the resolution it adopted at its 1969 convention, insisting on direct talks between Israel and its neighbours. Dr. Burg also called for a possible Religious Alignment including the extreme orthodox, and warned against unbridled attacks on the Chief Rabbinate.

Some 730 party delegates and a large audience, including over 200 Arab local council members, filled the hall. (The convention moves to Tel Aviv this morning, because Binyanei Ha'Ooma was only available for the one evening.)

Before the sound-and-light programme on the first 25 years of the State, which preceded the speeches, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Education Minister Alon coincided in being animated conversationalists, sitting in the front row. A few seats away the two Chief Rabbis sat silently, side by side, after having exchanged greetings.

Greetings to the convention were delivered by the two Chief Rabbis, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Dr. Yitzhak Raphael was master of ceremonies.

**'Only T.A. area has shortage of hospital beds'**

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Victor Shemtov said yesterday that the Dan Region was the only part of Israel experiencing "a serious shortage" of hospital accommodation.

Replying in the Knesset to the debate on the budget of the Health Ministry, Mr. Shemtov rejected all claims of hospital facilities in the Capital, pointing out that Jerusalem had 4.9 general hospital beds per thousand of the population — a ratio far higher than the national average. The number of beds for mental patients in Jerusalem was also far higher than the national average, he said.

**Youth admits he decapitated his aunt**

ACRE. — A 19-year-old youth admitted in court here yesterday that he had murdered his aunt by cutting her head off with a knife to preserve the family honour.

The youth, Ma'al Assad of Deir el-Assad near here, made this confession when he was brought before a magistrate to have his remand extended. The crime was committed a month ago.

Assad said he killed the woman, Su'ad Assad, because she had been unfaithful to her husband — his uncle.

The magistrate remanded him for an additional 15 days to enable police to complete their investigation.

**Three French victims flown back to Paris for burial**

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD AIRPORT. — The bodies of three French crew members who died in the crash of the Libyan plane which was forced down in Sinai last Wednesday were flown back to Paris yesterday.

The three coffins were brought to the tarmac by three army command cars. A solemn ceremony followed, attended by French Ambassador Francis Huré, French Embassy officials, a representative of the Foreign Ministry, staff members of Air France and El Al and two high-ranking army officers.

French Military Attaché Col. Georges Rone read out the names, saying Captain Jacques Bourges, Flight Engineer Robert Nadin and stewardess Jacqueline Glinoux died "in the line of duty." A Franciscan priest then blessed each bier, sprinkling holy water on it. The coffins were draped with the tricolour, and French and Israeli flags flew at half mast.

The coffins were taken by Air France employees, aided by Israeli soldiers, aboard Air France flight 139.

A fourth French crew member died in the crash, but his remains have not yet been identified. His name was given only as "Steward Davido." (A coffin containing what are believed to be his remains was sent to Egypt on Sunday but was returned.)

France is preparing a three commission which will proceed to investigate the crash, but the details of its departure has not yet been announced.

It is known that it will call on an Air France airliner captain, two officials of the French Aviation Authority. But the names have not yet been appointed.

**Bomb threat on Rome-Tel Alitalia jet**

ROME (UPI). — An anonymous phone call in Tel Aviv yesterday turned back an Italian jetliner, frantic search for a possible bomb on board.

Airport officials said Alitalia 738 from Rome to Tel Aviv about 20 minutes out of Rome, an anonymous caller in Israel Lod Airport there was a bomb aboard.

The Alitalia flight, with 130 passengers on board, returned to Rome for a bomb disposal. A search of the plane and all of the luggage found no bomb, airport officials said.

**Essenes were the extremists Yadin: Christian image of Pharisees is incorrect**

By MALKA RABINOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Archaeologist Yigael Yadin said yesterday his study of a Dead Sea scroll has shown that the New Testament image of the Pharisees as the most extreme of the Jewish sects at the time of the Second Temple was both incorrect and an ideological twist of early Christian history.

Prof. Yadin was speaking on the "Temple Scroll" at the dedication ceremony in Jerusalem of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology.

The 2,000-year-old parchment manuscript, recovered from the Essene cave library near Qumran, was acquired by Israel after the Six Day War. In it, the Essenes prescribe a religious code of purity far more inflexible than that of the Pharisees whom the New Testament depicts as rigid and legalistic, said Prof. Yadin.

Paradoxically, the early Christians — seeking to sever themselves from Jewish law — were strongly influenced by the Essenes who had also cut themselves off from the religious establishment in Jerusalem. But the Essenes did so only because they were hiding their time with the purity of the Temple was restored and they could resume their sacrifices. However, it was their intention, "ad hoc way of life" at the monastery on the Dead Sea which influenced Christianity.

In comparing hundreds of halachic regulations touched upon in the scroll, Prof. Yadin found Pharisee belief, which passes for normative Judaism, to be far more liberal and progressive. He noted that the Essenes banned sexual intercourse within the holy confines of Jerusalem and that they even forbade the stimulation of body wastes inside the city regulations governing the conduct of a king of Israel, normative Judaism allows the monarch to have up to 18 wives while the Essenes, in this text, sternly limit him to one.

The scroll purports to be the words of the Lord spoken to Moses at Sinai. But the writing naively gives his period away — some time in the second century B.C.E., believes Yadin — by its anachronistic use of Persian and Greek words then part of spoken Hebrew. The surviving text is probably a copy made a century later.

Prof. Yadin said he will send to the printer a 600-page text, the result of six years of research on the scroll.

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that, although the date by which orders were to be placed for Israel's 25th Anniversary Platinum Medal has not yet passed, orders have been received exceeding the quota established for sales of the medal in Israel.

In view of the importance of the event the medal celebrates the Board of Directors of the Corporation has taken the unprecedented step of authorizing the issue of an additional number — not exceeding 2,500 — of the platinum medal, which will be made available to subscribers in Israel.

We take this opportunity of announcing that, despite the considerable rise in the world price of platinum, the official issue price of the medal will not be changed.

**If we are to be rehabilitated, why not in Baram?**

The Authorities have just announced a programme for the rehabilitation in Gush Halav of those evicted from Baram. A programme was first suggested a long time ago; it ignores suffering and trouble we have already endured in Gush Halav. We reject this programme, and state that a real solution our problems can be achieved, only by our rehabilitation in Baram. As a protest against this programme, those evicted from Baram — men, women and children — will participate in a three-day sit-down strike, in the main square of Gush Halav, starting Thursday, March 1, and on Saturday March 3 at 10 a.m., we shall take part in a protest march from Gush Halav to Baram, where we shall hold a special service to pray for our return to our village. We call on the Authorities to transfer the rehabilitation program from Gush Halav to Baram, and call on all persons with a conscience to support us.

Committee of Baram Evacuees.

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**Rumanians beat Beersheba 3:0 in football**

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Rumanian football champions F.C. Ardes of Bucharest yesterday won the first of three exhibition matches in Israel, beating Beersheba Hapoel 3:0. The Rumanian scorers were Trol in the 24th minute and Lansar in the 56th and 89th minutes. F.C. Ardes plays against the national youth team next Tuesday.

**THE DRIVER OF A RED FORD CORTINA**

travelling from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv on the evening of Monday, February 26, who gave a soldier a lift, please contact Tel. (08) 87111/374, or bring to the Lost and Found Dept. of the Tel Aviv Police, the papers and the tape left in your car.





# Congestion fees upped Ashdod, Haifa Ports

**YAAQOV FREEDMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The congestion surcharge on general types of cargo at Ashdod and Haifa ports will go up tomorrow.

The Joint Congestion Commission, headed by Captain Yehoshua Cahan, of the Shipping and Harbour Commission, decided yesterday to raise the surcharge which has been in effect since January 21 from 20 per cent on imports and 10 to 15 per cent on exports. The surcharge will cost the importers and exporters an estimated \$150,000 a day.

Cahan explained that, at the end of the winter, the Shipping Council and the Zim company had agreed that the surcharge would be imposed by mutual agreement, and would be adjusted to cover the actual losses caused by the shipowners by delays due to congestion.

In the past the shipping conference levied the surcharge unilaterally. The new agreement was considered an important achievement for the Council. It left the decision on the amount of the surcharge up to the Joint Commission.

Yesterday, the Commission reviewed the waiting-time registrations of each ship that had been held up, and reached the conclusion that during the past two months the owners' losses had been heavier than the compensation they received from the surcharge. The commission therefore decided on the increases, which are to be reviewed again on April 1.

At the same time, the Commission decided to reduce the surcharge on the Scandinavian Lines by one-half — from 7.5 to 3.75 per cent on imports, and from six to three per cent on exports.

Meanwhile, the queue of ships waiting their turn for unloading in the Haifa Bay, which last month topped 30 vessels — was nearly eliminated yesterday. Only two ships are waiting. They arrived during the past two days, and they will be able to start unloading today, the port spokesman, Yair Ben Meshulam, said.

He said the congestion had been overcome thanks to the fine weather, which has enabled the port to work at full speed; the larger number of gangs deployed following the re-cruiting of extra temporary labour; and the fact that more cargoes are now containerized, making for faster and more efficient handling. (Continued on page 2)

## Two years for stolen joyride

**AVIV** — A 20-year-old Haredi who "borrowed" a car for a joyride and then stole it, was sentenced to two years in jail yesterday. The man, Menahem Auerbach, had his licence suspended for two years.

Judge Yehoshua Ben-Meir said more severe sentences should be imposed in order to curb the high incidence of such crimes.

A police prosecutor said Auerbach's fingerprints had been found on the car, which was taken last night from a parking lot in the Haredi district, admitted the judge.

## Mother's Day in T.A. today

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**AVIV** — Today is Mother's Day in Tel Aviv, and school children throughout the city will present their mothers with hand-made gifts at school. The schools are encouraging the pupils' writings and art work on the subject of motherhood.

Various women's organizations observe Mother's Day at old homes and hospitals. New mothers in maternity hospitals will be given gifts, and new immigrants will be taken on a tour of the city. The Working Mothers' Organization has invited mothers of large families to a party.

Many young mothers from Kibbutz Merom Hagolan, in the Golan Heights, will arrive here this morning as guests of the Municipality for the day. They will tour the city, and a fashion show and make the day of the shops.

## Burg checking plan to have 'super mayor' for Dan Region

**Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter**

The Minister of the Interior, Dr. Yigal Allon, has appointed a committee to look into a proposal for the establishment of an overall municipal committee for the six municipalities of the Dan Region.

His statement in the Knesset Committee by Haim Shalev, Director-General of the Ministry, was that the committee was discussing a motion for the agenda of the Dan Region.

The committee has been asked to look into the problems involved in the supply of essential services for the overall community in the area. Currently some 600,000 live in the Dan Region.

**FOR TEDDY KOLLEK** told the Dan Region's municipalities yesterday that another 700,000 would be built in the quarter if funds for it could be found. He also said that work on a new regional center for health services in the Dan Region would begin after the Independence Day parade.



Volunteers at the Israel Museum get themselves turned into "living statues" with a coalescent spray yesterday by a group of visiting Belgian artists, who call themselves Mass Movement. The idea behind this art form is to express the lack of communication between human beings, the artists say.

## Gov't halts work on Atarot plot owned by U.K. society

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The Government has ordered work halted on an eight-dunam tract in the Atarot industrial zone in northern Jerusalem owned by a British religious society.

The tract, which was being leveled for an industrial building, is owned by the Bible Land Society which runs the Helen Keller Home for blind girls in nearby Beit Hanina. It is located within a 1,000-dunam area expropriated in 1970 for an industrial zone. Following a query by the British Government, Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapir ordered the Israel Lands Administration to halt work on the tract. Work stopped three days ago.

Herbert Watson, warden of the Helen Keller Home, said last night that the Atarot tract had been purchased in 1966 with the objective of eventually building upon it another home for the blind. There were no hard plans for it at the moment, he said. Mr. Watson said the society had never been served with expropriation papers for the site and attributed the difficulties to an "administrative muddle."

## Former Mufti can't have property back

**Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter**

Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro told the Knesset yesterday that his Ministry had refused a request by relatives of the former Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, for the return of certain properties belonging to the Sheikh.

The Minister was replying to a question from Shimon Halevi (Gahal), who said he had heard that the Mufti — the instigator of Arab violence against Jews in Jerusalem before the establishment of the State and a staunch supporter of Hitler — had filed a claim with the Justice Ministry for the return of his property in Sheikh Jarrah.

Mr. Shapiro said that, in fact, the appeal for the return of the property had been filed by the Haj's relatives, who after being rejected re-applied through two lawyers. The request was rejected again.

In reply to a second question as to why the Ministry would not publish evidence proving that the former Mufti was a war criminal, the Minister said that it was against Israel practice to publish evidence before a man was brought to trial.

## Givatayim rest home expanded

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**GIVATAYIM** — Two more storeys will be added to the Shalva convalescent home here, at a cost of some IL2m. This was reported to the press yesterday during a tour of the institution, which is marking its 35th anniversary.

Present at yesterday's news conference was Avraham Hartfeld, who was instrumental in the development of the home. The home is run by an independent, non-profit association headed by Mr. Hartfeld, Haim Bar-Abba, and former Tel Aviv Mayor Haim Levanon.

## THE WINNING numbers in the Lotto draw are 06, 18, 21, 33, 38 and 39. Mifal Hapayis announced yesterday. The additional number (which participants add themselves) was 12.

## TOW TRUCKERS' STRIKE Threat to shut down all garages on Sunday

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV** — All garages affiliated with the Israel Garage Association may be shut down next Sunday to back up the strike launched this week by the I.G.A. tow truck operators. Zvi Pick, secretary of the I.G.A., told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the management would decide tomorrow whether to expand the strike.

The tow truckers struck last Sunday in protest against the "monopoly" given by the police to the Magor towing company for removing cars wrecked in road accidents. Magor is not an I.G.A. member.

Police circles said yesterday the threat to close down the garages was "an act of frustration" because the tow strikes has been ineffective. Magor's spokesman Nitzav-Mishne Bochner told *The Post* there have been no serious disruptions in the flow of traffic, despite the strike.

"Magor is coping with the situation," he said.

The police are investigating complaints that I.G.A. tow trucks had put wood shavings inside the petrol tank of a Magor truck and had assaulted a Magor driver, Nitzav-Mishne Bochner said.

Mr. Pick termed these cases "provocations," insisting that none of his men were involved. He claimed that one of his drivers had been threatened with a gun by a Magor man (the police spokesman commented that he knew nothing of this; no complaint had been registered with the police).

## Bus co-ops oppose planned improvements

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV** — The Transport Ministry's recommendations for "improving" public transport, made following a secret report by four of its senior officials, are encountering stiff opposition from the two bus cooperatives.

The spokesman for the Dan cooperative, Aharon Shani, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that most of the measures proposed by the Ministry are not new, and in some cases are already being implemented.

"We told the Deputy Transport Minister that all new buses will have route numbers in side windows and public address systems," Mr. Shani said, "but we are not about to start installing these in all the old buses."

Another measure called for by the Ministry would have every driver wear a badge with his name on it. Mr. Shani's reaction: "When all persons dealing with the public have to carry such badges, bus drivers will wear them too." (As a compromise, the bus co-ops have agreed that signs will be installed in the buses, informing the passengers that the driver is required to identify himself when requested to do so, and giving the bus number.)

Mr. Shani also said his co-op opposes the requirement to call out each stop. "It is enough if major stops are announced, along with those requested by passengers," he said.

## J'lem company offers pencils to Russians

**Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter**

Reading about Russia's pencil shortage in *The Jerusalem Post* (Monday's issue), the Jerusalem Pencil Company has communicated with the Soviet Union — via a third power — offering to solve their problem.

"We are ready to sell them 35 million pencils within the next 6-10 months," Dr. Alexander Raffael, the company's owner, told *The Post* last night. "They could be drawing pencils (for draftsmen and designers) — to overcome the main bottleneck, felt in the universities and technical schools."

Cost to the Russians would be \$3.50 a gross (144 pencils), or \$1m. for the whole consignment, if they agreed to buy.

As far as is known, the Soviet Union does not import goods from Israel.

## THREATENED PATHOLOGISTS Yeshiva student ruled unfit to stand trial; to be treated

**HAIFA** — A 23-year-old yeshiva student who carried out a one-man war against pathologists and other public figures for an entire year was yesterday ruled unfit to stand trial and ordered to undergo outpatient psychiatric treatment.

The attorney for Moshe Dov Lipa, a Hadera youth enrolled at the Ohel Ya'acov Yeshiva in Bnei Brak, admitted the charges in court yesterday but submitted psychiatric evidence that his client had been suffering from delusions at the time and could not distinguish between right and wrong.

The 22-count charge sheet included the following accusations:

- Sending threatening letters to pathologists (which caused a public storm and protest strikes in several hospitals). The letters were signed by the "Supreme Arab Committee" and "El-Fatah Organization."
- Sending a letter to the Ramat Gan police which threatened to blow up police stations and army installations, overthrow the Government and murder Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and then Chief of Staff Haim Bar-Lev.
- Sending a letter to former M.K. Shulamit Aloni, informing her that a "mysterious organization" had sentenced her to death.
- Bomb threats to various newspapers and organizations.

Judge Zalman Yehuda accepted the psychiatric evaluation which held that Lipa was not dangerous at present, but required intensive outpatient treatment. Hospitalization at this stage would be injurious to his condition, the psychiatrists advised.

Assistant District Attorney A. Brauner raised no objection to the judge's decision.

## Police recover loot, hold Tiberias man

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TIBERIAS** — Police yesterday recovered a huge haul of electrical equipment, worth thousands of pounds, which had been stolen from Kibbutz Sha'ar Hagolan during the past half year.

A resident of the local "Aleph" housing estate, who works in the kibbutz as an electrician, was arrested. The haul, which filled two rooms in the police station, was found in his home.



## Priest murdered in Gaza buried in Ramallah

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**GAZA** — A man and a woman have been arrested in Gaza in connection with the murder of Father Hanna el-Nimri on Monday. The investigation is branching out, and more arrests are expected.

Security forces suspect that a terrorist leader, who has been on the wanted list in the Gaza Strip for the past two years, is responsible for the murder of the late head of Gaza's small Catholic parish. Though police are keeping details of the investigation secret, it is believed there is a connection between this murder and the killing of an elected committee member of the Shati camp two weeks ago. (Father el-Nimri was a member of the Zeitoun neighbourhood committee.)

The priest's murder has sown fear among some of Gaza's dignitaries, who keep to their homes and have refused to talk to journalists. A number of the elected neighbourhood councilors have left Gaza altogether.

Father el-Nimri was buried in Ramallah yesterday, his brother's hometown. The funeral was attended by a large crowd, including church heads and notables.

## Rabbi Aboudi, 76, buried on Mount of Olives

Thousands of mourners came to the cemetery at the Mount of Olives at midnight Monday for the funeral of Rabbi Suleiman Houji Aboudi, member of the Supreme Rabbinical Council. Rabbi Aboudi, who was 76, died suddenly earlier Monday evening while giving a lesson at the Ohel Rachel Yeshiva in the capital.

A former Chief Rabbi of Baghdad, Rabbi Aboudi came to this country in 1951. He served as president of the Iraqi Jewish Community Committee, and was one of the 11 Jerusalemites to be given the Jerusalem Honoured Citizen Award last month.

## 25th anniversary album published

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV** — Israel's official 25th anniversary album, published by Masada, will be presented to friendly heads of state all over the world as a token of goodwill, the press was told here yesterday.

The 220-page album has more than 1,000 photographs, most of them in colour, and 48 pages of text by such authors as David Ben-Gurion. It is prefaced by Prime Minister Golda Meir.

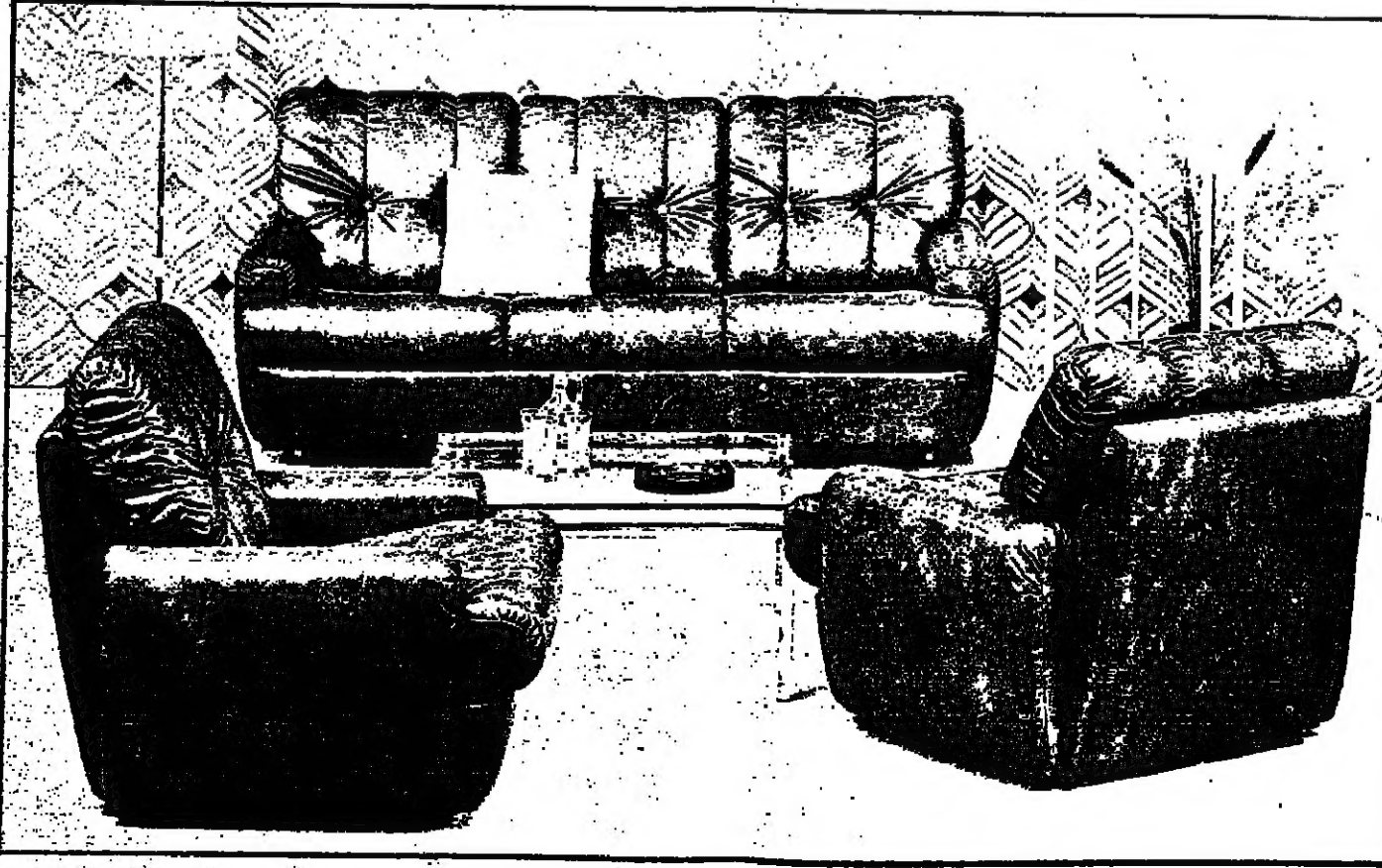
The publishers have invested IL700,000 in preparing the album, of which they expect to sell 250,000 copies. The price (for the time being) has been fixed at IL44.50.

The 25th anniversary album will be published in English, French, Spanish, Dutch and Swedish, as well as Hebrew. Some 60,000 copies of the album have already been ordered from abroad.

There are relatively few pictures of the "establishment" and few reminiscences from the early days of the State, editor David Fedahzur said. "We wished to show the real Israel in his everyday life."

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## Libya warns against 'secessionist' elements

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
Libya said yesterday that certain elements within the country have been recently calling on the regime of Muammar Gaddafi to break his unionist ties with Egypt in protest against Cairo's failure to take action against Israel's downing of a Libyan airliner over Sinai last Wednesday.

The official Libyan News Agency said yesterday that those elements were "trying to drive a wedge between us and another Arab country on the confrontation line" with Israel.

"Let us make clear that the call for secession is treacherous," the agency said, while warning that the government will "strike at the secessionists."

The agency made its remark while giving an account on Monday's mass funeral for the airliner crash victims at Benghazi. Tripoli reports yesterday revealed that Gaddafi was whisked away in a landrover as the funeral turned into a violent demonstration in which mourn-

ers, screaming for vengeance against Israel, were forced to disperse by police using batons.

Libya's semi-official newspaper, "Al-Fajr al-Jadid" ("The New Dawn"), yesterday said that "strange elements appeared to have infiltrated the ranks of popular demonstrations to undermine our morale."

Referring to Monday's riots in Benghazi and Tripoli, the newspaper said: "We must transcend our grief, use reason and think rationally before acting." It added: "We must calculate our movements because the enemy is bound to exploit every reaction" in its interest.

Meanwhile, Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper yesterday said that Egypt and Libya may bring the Libyan airliner incident before the U.N. Security Council, before the Egyptian Minister Mohammed Hassan Zayyat as telling the Egyptian Parliament that the decision would be taken yesterday or today.

## Envoy counters criticism in German press

By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Israel Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Horin, in an open letter to the West German press, yesterday countered sharp public criticism here of Israel's action in the Libyan airliner tragedy.

Mr. Ben-Horin especially denied as "grotesque" the suggestion in some German newspapers that Israel had deliberately sought the incident or wanted to use it to "sabotage peace efforts" in the Middle East.

He asserted that "responsible Arab states know exactly what took place" over Sinai, and voiced hope that Arab forces which might really want a "reasonable Arab-Israeli agreed settlement" would not be deterred.

## Three held in desecration of cemetery

COBURG, Germany (UPI). — Prosecutor Horst-Hans Frank said yesterday three drunken young men toppled and damaged about 600 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery outside the nearby Bavarian town of Burkumstadt last week.

Mr. Frank said police arrested the trio, a 22-year-old unskilled labourer, and two students aged 19 and 22, on tips from local residents.

Mr. Frank said that during questioning the two students admitted to toppling the tombstones in a state of drunkenness. He said the two denied that any political motives were behind the act of vandalism.

The labourer has been refusing to answer investigators' questions on the affair.

## Thai steps to protect Israel boxing team

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Maximum security measures will be in force for Israeli boxers taking part in the sixth Asian amateur boxing championship for the Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn Cup here next May, a boxing official said yesterday.

Colonel Anu Romayonand, president of the Amateur Boxing Association of Thailand, told reporters that the 10 Israeli boxers and officials scheduled to arrive in Bangkok on April 20 would be accommodated in the same hotel with participants from other countries — Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore and South Vietnam — because it would be too costly to segregate the Israeli team, Colonel Anu added.

## Oswald's widow wins claim for seized property

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (UPI). — The federal government must pay the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald \$17,729 for personal property seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Monday.

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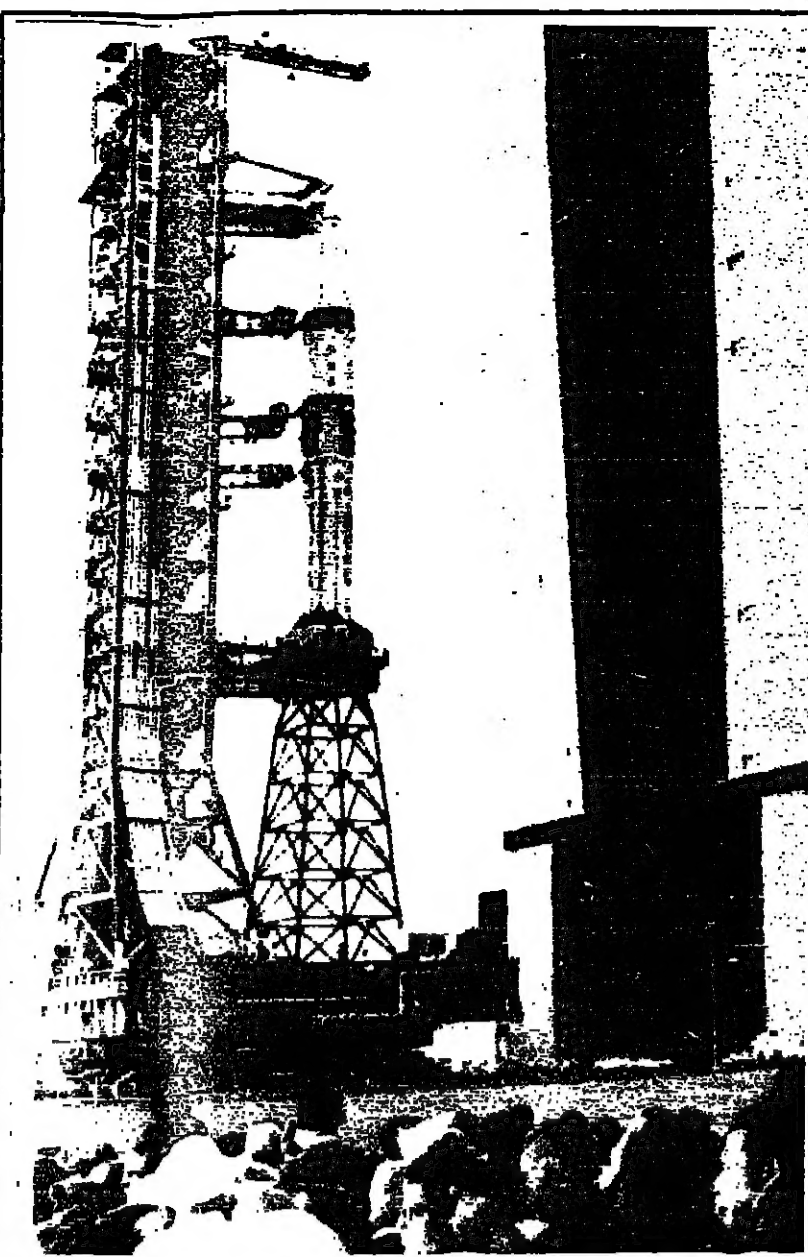
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Workers and their families watch the Saturn 1B rocket, which will orbit the first Skylab astronauts, leave the assembly building at Cape Kennedy on Monday. The rocket is to lift off in May. (AP radiophoto)

## Lansky lawyer says doctor forbade return trip to U.S.

MIAMI (UPI). — A defence attorney for Meyer Lansky told a federal court jury yesterday that the reputed underworld figure was forbidden by a physician from returning to this country from Israel, even before a grand jury subpoenaed him.

"Before Mr. Lansky ever knew there was a grand jury subpoena he told the physician that he would like to make the trip back to the U.S., but the doctor prohibited him and told him it would be dangerous to him to make such a trip at this time," said attorney E. David Rosen in an opening statement.

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## 73 casualties in new Syrian riots

BEIRUT (UPI). — Newspapers here yesterday reported more bloody riots in Syria over a proposed new constitution that places most of the power in the hands of President Hafez Assad.

The newspaper "Al-Nahar" said the latest riots took place in the central Syrian city of Hama on Sunday. It said Moslems staged a demonstration outside the city's main mosque after noon prayers and clashed with security forces.

The night wing newspaper "Al-Jarida" said 23 persons were killed and 50 wounded in the clash.

This followed similar riots in the city of Hama last Wednesday in which the Lebanese press said at least 60 persons were killed or wounded.

There was no mention of the riots in Syria's state-controlled press and radio. But Damascus Radio has been broadcasting messages of support for President Assad.

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# Nearly one million workers go on strike in Britain

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LONDON. — Close to a million workers are engaged in some form of strike action here this week. This is their response to the announcement by Prime Minister Edward Heath that for the next six months wage rises must be limited to 4.5 per cent of their wages.

Mr. Heath has been claiming that the public stands behind his anti-inflationary policies, but the range of workers involved in this week's demonstrations of the power of organized labour casts some doubt upon this.

The gas workers have already introduced a ban on overtime which has hit many industries as well as homes, and they are planning to intensify their struggle at the weekend. Under the Heath formula they would get wage increases in the region of 2.25 a week, but they are demanding 5.5. They are so convinced of the justice of their case that they have staged the first strike ever by this sector of the labour force.

In addition, general hospital staff, Ford workers, air traffic controllers, civil servants, railway engine drivers and teachers are also holding 24-hour work stoppages or other forms of pressure to back their demands to be exempted from the wage increase limit.

The civil servants' walkout struck in some odd places, usually far removed from industrial strife.

The British Army's computerized pay centre south of London withdrew to a bank when civilian staff struck, holding up pay cheques to soldiers all over the country.

The London Stock Exchange was hit when civil servants who put the official stamps on transactions stayed home. That was expected to seriously disrupt dealings on the exchange, already jittery because of the current monetary crisis.

Almost all government welfare offices closed. Driving tests were postponed because examiners were among the strikers. Clerks and other workers — but not guards — at prisons and many courts did not work.

One of the reasons why Mr. Heath's new policy is running into such opposition is that his earlier three-month wage and price "freeze" period kept wages steady, but totally failed to control many prices. This failure was most dramatic in the case of food prices which shot up during the "freeze."

With the ending of the first phase of the government's anti-inflationary policy this month, the Prime Minister introduced Phase Two, which called for a slight thaw. Of the Prime Minister's "thaw," but permitted only very limited wage and price increases.

Inflation has eaten away at the standard of living of wage earners, particularly the lower paid, and it is they who are mainly involved in the slowdowns and work stoppages which have been spreading across the country over the past two weeks.

When the news of Phase Two broke there were calls on many sides for both a general election and a general strike. These impulsive reactions appear to have cooled somewhat, but have been replaced by implacable determination to press their claims on the side of some unions. This matches well the rigid stance of the government whose cry has become "no surrender," a ringing catch-phrase more suited to Northern Ireland loyalists than to responsible government.

Battle lines have been drawn with



A civil servant demonstrator from Bexleyheath, Kent, one of Prime Minister Edward Heath's constituents, holds a placard outside the Treasury in Whitehall yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

The Trade Union Congress, representing some ten million union members, refusing to cooperate with the government policy, though not advocating a general strike.

It is a safe assumption that most workers are well aware that action to combat inflation is imperative. It is equally safe to assume that they do not think a government policy which permits steep food price increases while holding down wages is fair.

The lack of control over food prices has been the weak point in the government's policy. The publication this week of the planned government policy on prices suggests that no serious effort will be made to extend control to this psychologically important sector.

The government argument is that fresh food price controls would mean the apparatus of rationing and in any case would be unjustified because the recent increases in real earnings is more than enough to take care of increased food prices.

The real reason the government refuses to take any action over food prices is that it has agreed as a member of the Common Mar-

## Traffic directors extend strike at French airports

PARIS (AP). — France's air traffic controllers, in the eighth day of an illegal strike, voted yesterday to extend the walkout through tomorrow, to coincide with a scheduled strike by French pilots.

The air controllers said they were ready to negotiate with the government, but a Transport Ministry spokesman had already stated that such negotiations would be without purpose.

Traffic in French airports, now under the control of military technicians, was greatly reduced, but there seemed to be a split among French pilots who said they would refuse to fly while the military is in charge of the control towers.

Air France pilots honoured the pledge and numerous flights, including ones to London, Istanbul, New York and Montreal were cancelled. But pilots for Air Inter, the French internal airline, were working.

The walkout, which is based on the controllers' demands for more pay and a new statute which would legally give them the right to strike, is costing Air France about \$2m. a day in losses, a company spokesman indicated.

Foreign pilots were calling support for a boycott of flights in France, because of the military takeover.

## Rhodesian jets 'rocket base of terrorists'

SALISBURY (Reuter). — Rhodesian air force jets launched a rocket attack on suspected terrorist bases in the northern Caprivi area, which borders Portuguese Mozambique, usually reliable sources said here.

There was no official confirmation of the attacks, which the sources said were made by Vampire jets during the weekend.

These would be the first air attacks in a district which has been the focal point of increased terrorist movements since a white farmstead was raided there before Christmas. Several farms in the area have been raided and in two of the attacks, a middle-aged white woman and a 72-year-old visitor from Britain were killed.

The air raid reports coincide with a Defence Ministry announcement that authorities had located the wreckage of an air force helicopter with its two crewmen dead in the Ruyga game reserve on Rhodesia's north-eastern border with Mozambique.

An official statement said the scene of the crash was north of the helicopter's planned route on a cross-country flight. A board of enquiry has been set up to investigate the cause of the crash.

## 'Happy Hooker' fighting to stay in Canada

TORONTO (AP). — Xavier Hollander, author of the best-seller "The Happy Hooker," will have at least two more months to wage her battle to stay in Canada.

Although handed a deportation order at an immigration hearing on Monday, Miss Hollander filed for an appeal — which will take from two to six months — after posting a bond of \$1,000.

Her lawyer, Robert Goldin, explained a deportation order against the Dutch-born authoress was a direct result of her former life as a prostitute.

"She would have had no problem if she hadn't written her book," he said. "Her book is considered an admission of her being a member of a prohibited class."

Miss Hollander first ran afoul of the Immigration Department on February 1, arriving in Toronto from Mexico.

Although not allowed to work in Canada, Miss Hollander, 29, said she has no financial problems and showed a special immigration inquiry officer a Canadian bank account containing \$10,000.

She now is receiving royalty checks on a second book.

"This is going to cause a problem," she said. "My book will be coming out in Australia in May and I can't leave to be there until this is cleared up."

## Leaking fumes poison suburb in Auckland

AUCKLAND (AP). — Four thousand people were evacuated from suburban Parnell yesterday as firemen and scientists battled to decontaminate the area from poisonous fumes leaking from a dozen drums of defoliant.

Nearly 200 people, including many policemen, firemen and ambulance men, have received emergency treatment in one of Auckland's biggest civil emergencies.

More than 300 homes and dozens of factories and offices were sealed off as residents were forced to seek shelter with relatives and friends or in emergency billets.

The drums, containing tributyl phosphorothioate or DEF, a cotton defoliant made in Mexico and destined for Australia, were unloaded from a ship on Monday night.

Some of the drums carried as deck cargo on the vessel, the Good Navigator, began leaking soon after leaving San Francisco and were washed down frequently by the crew.

On arrival here some of the drums were unloaded and taken to Parnell. By noon choking fumes from the leaking drums permeated shops, offices and homes in the suburb and persons were ordered from the area.

## Better U.S.-China ties 'normal,' Tass chief says

MOSCOW (UPI). — A leading Soviet political commentator yesterday called the improvement of American-Chinese relations "normal" and said Moscow would also like to normalize its relations with Peking.

Leonid Zamyatin, director of the Tass news agency, who often acts as a government spokesman, wrote in the newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya" there is nothing unusual in the recent trip of U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger to Peking.

"Normalization of relations between states that had no such relations is quite normal," he said.

Zamyatin said suggestions that the Chinese-American talks were directed against the Soviet Union were "absurd" fabrications concocted by journalists — "many of whom were expelled from the Soviet Union for slander about Soviet reality."

The Soviet Union, he said, "makes neither territorial nor economic claims from the People's Republic of China. The Soviet people wish China to be a prosperous Socialist country and wish to fight jointly with China for peace against war."

Whether Peking admitted it or not, he went on, its talks with the U.S. showed it was willing to revise its policies in the interests of peaceful coexistence with a state having a different social system.

Rather than worry about the alleged "Soviet menace," Zamyatin said, China should agree to Soviet proposals "to assume clear-cut com-

mitments that would preclude an attack by one country on the other."

The Soviets have been calling for the normalization of relations with China since the 24th party congress of April 1971, but claim that reconciliation has been held up by anti-Sovietism on the part of Peking.

## A SHAMEFUL DECISION

50,000 members of the National Religious Women's Organization in Israel call on the Prime Minister and the Cabinet to revoke the decision taken to abolish censorship in the theatre.

The "liberal" censorship laws have already contributed to the constant deterioration of moral standards in Israeli society.

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**PUBLIC TENDER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE RABBI OF THE CITY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO**

It is hereby announced that the Office of the Rabbi of the City of Tel Aviv-Yafo is vacant.

Any Rabbi in Israel or abroad who would like to take part in this Public Tender is requested to submit in writing his candidacy and enclose an autobiography, copies of documents, and recommendations. The material should be forwarded in a closed envelope to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, The Religious Council Building, 1 Rehov Uri, Tel Aviv-Yafo. There will be a special announcement regarding the final date for the submission of Candidacy.

In accordance with Article 5 of the City Rabbi Election Regulations, (correction) 277-187, the office of a City Rabbi will be elected in the State of Israel, or anyone who possesses a Certificate from the Chief Rabbinate testifying to his capability to officiate and serve as a City Rabbi, will be eligible for election as City Rabbi. In order to obtain the above-mentioned certificate, application should be made to the Council of the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem.

Rabbis of Ashkenazi Congregations and Sephardi Congregations are invited to participate in this public tender; a City Rabbi will be elected from among the applicants. However, if the Electing Assembly shall decide (in accordance with its powers, specified in the regulations) that in Tel Aviv-Yafo two City Rabbis will serve and officiate — an Ashkenazi Rabbi and a Sephardi Rabbi — then there will be elected by the Electing Assembly an Ashkenazi and a Sephardi Rabbi for the City, from among all the qualified candidates.

For further details of this public tender and the election arrangements, please contact the Secretary of the Committee at 1 Rehov Uri, Tel Aviv-Yafo, during office hours.

PINCHAS SCHENNELSON  
Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Election of the Chief Rabbi of the City of Tel Aviv-Yafo

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## ELUSIVE PEACE IN VIETNAM

THE Vietnam cease-fire is a month old. But judging from the number of casualties and violations, the war still continues, although at a reduced pace and with minimal American intervention. The same fate has befallen the Laos cease-fire, signed late last week. There, the U.S. air force is still actively engaged in bombing Communist targets and supply routes.

The Vietnam peace conference in Paris is not faring well either. It is threatened by a Canadian withdrawal from the truce supervision group and it is the scene of bitter charges and much recrimination on the part of Saigon, Hanoi, the Vietnamese and the U.S. Hanoi has announced its intention to hold up the release of American prisoners as long as the mines are not removed from its shores, and Saigon gives assurances that it will observe the January 27 agreement. Missiles have been moved into stand-still zones while South Vietnamese forces have, apparently, seized a number of "liberated villages."

The developments of the past month have not come as a surprise. It was predicted on all sides that the shooting would go on until the international supervisory machinery is established and reaches the area. It was also obvious that after 27 years of war a mere signature on a document could not bring peace overnight. But it has not brought even a true cease-fire.

It is clear that as long as there is no common ground between the warring parties there cannot be even an approach to peace, let alone a working cease-fire. The Communists view the Paris agreement as a breather which they sorely needed. It will give them an opportunity to entrench themselves in some 40 per cent of South Vietnamese

territory and enable the Vietnamese to establish themselves as the Provisional Revolutionary Government not only in name, but also to try and wield some authority. Saigon needs time to absorb the vast quantities of American weapons it received last year and to build up its armed forces. The only party which has every intention of carrying out the full agreement is the U.S. — it is withdrawing from South Vietnam.

These unsatisfactory developments in South-East Asia must surely arouse much concern in Israel. We have had bitter experience with a truce supervision mechanism which was either ineffectual or tried to be "balanced" and "objective" and spread blame as evenly as it could. It was unable to prevent outbreaks of violence. The fact that China and North Vietnam have vehemently rejected any U.N. role or even presence in Vietnam is also of melancholy interest to us. We are constantly being asked to let the U.N. play a part in a future settlement in this region.

Above all, we see the fate of a cease-fire agreement which is violated with impunity because the basic condition for its implementation, namely the desire of all parties to proceed to peace, is just not present. The Arab states remind Israel constantly that even if they do enter into some arrangement, it will not mean either recognition or peace. Hence the Vietnam cease-fire is an important, albeit tragic, lesson for all who counsel Israel to put its trust in international supervision and U.N. machinery.

Those who accuse Israel of rigidity and mistrust of similar schemes should study carefully to see if and how the Vietnam cease-fire can be salvaged before it vanishes barely a month after it was signed.

THE recent appearance of the "Jews for Jesus" phenomenon in Israel and public reaction to the underground activity of this odd sect call for some discussion of what is often termed the "Hebrew Christian" movement, or Judeo-Christianity. Modern scholarship has established both the ideology of its ancient forerunner and the fate of the various groups that have tried to renew its central doctrine in the light of the New Testament assertion that Jesus had "not come to destroy, but to fulfill" the Law of Moses (Matthew 5:17).

The first "Jews for Jesus" were the Nazarenes or Ebionites — one of many Jewish apocalyptic sects that erupted during the period of Roman despotism in this country — who combined a belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah-who-had-come with a considerable measure of loyalty to the Torah and its detailed injunctions.

The scattered Ebionite communities owed allegiance to the "church" of Jerusalem headed by James, the brother of Jesus, during the critical years preceding the destruction of the Second Temple in the year 70. A conflict soon arose between those who supported Paul's less demanding approach towards the gentile believer on the one hand and on the other, the "commandment-keepers" who insisted that such proselytes adhere to the *Halacha*.

The war against Rome, in which the "commandment-keepers" apparently joined forces with their fellow-Jews, nevertheless resulted in their separation from "orthodox" Jews. The new-gentile church eventually proscribed these "Judaizers" who obstinately clung to the "Law," and Jerome, one of the leading Church Fathers, expressed a typical Catholic view when he berated the Ebionites, maintaining that, "while they will be both Jews and Christians, they are neither Jews nor Christians."

### Between two fires

Caught between two fires, the Ebionite "commandment-keepers" tried desperately to reassert their authority as the true communion. Their polemical engagements with Jewish "orthodoxy" are partly recorded in the Talmud (especially in the tractate *Avoda Zara*); but by the second century the hapless "old believers" of a now declining Jewish "church" were mainly at war with gentile Christianity. The Ebionites therefore reconstructed the entire history of their faith after the death of Jesus in order to show how his pure teachings had been corrupted by the villainous Paul, whose followers first betrayed the Jewish people and later the faithful "commandment-keepers."

In his classic essay in the "Jewish Encyclopedia" (vol. X, pp. 390-396), the late Dr. Kaufmann Kohler demonstrated that the Revelation (or Apocalypsis) of St. John is the only surviving Judeo-Christian document in the New Testament, partly reworked by a "Pauline" editor.

The violent condemnations of the "synagogue of Satan" in the Book of Revelation (2:9, 3:9) were aimed at Pauline Christianity's abandonment of the Torah and *Halacha*, a riposte to the kind of hostile comment so evident in early Church literature (Irenaeus, Tertullian, Eusebius). Within about two centuries of the Temple's destruction, the various Judeo-Christian sects finally withered away under gentile (Catholic) pressure.

### Ebionite tradition

Some Jewish converts to Christianity have tried to make out a case for the persistence of an Ebionite tradition throughout the centuries, even claiming as their representatives the Spaniard and Portuguese Marranos, the mystic sect founded by Jacob Frank, and Jewish assimilationists of the 19th century. This is, of course, utter nonsense. In more recent times, there have been Jews who embraced Christianity out of conviction — but there have been many gentiles who, without the prompting of an all-powerful faith, chose to enter the community of Israel. Judeo-Christianity's reorganization in any real sense is little more than a century old.

Modern attempts to resurrect the ancient Jewish "church" have been closely linked with Protestant missionary endeavours. This fact is admitted by a contemporary "believer," Hugh

The 'Jews for Jesus' movement is just an expression, in contemporary dress, of a phenomenon which has cropped up at various times in the last 2,000 years. It survives only on money from abroad and, like its predecessors, will fade away into oblivion, unless over-zealous opponents succeed in turning its members into martyrs, writes Gabriel Sivan, a Jerusalem writer on the history of Judaism.

J. Schonfield, in his "History of Jewish Christianity" (London, 1938, p. 209): "It must be clearly recognized... that the missions to the Jews... paved the way directly for the reconstruction of Jewish Christianity as an organic spiritual community." And Schonfield, whose more recent works include "The Authentic New Testament" and "The Passover Plot," affirms that "the debt of Jewish Christianity to the modern Protestant missions is indeed an overwhelming one."

Thus Michael Solomon Alexander, who began his career as an Anglo-Jewish minister, was for 14 years a missionary employed by the London Jews' Society before he rose to become the first Jewish-born Bishop of Jerusalem since 135 C.E., in which post he served from 1841 until his death four years later.

Church missions also inspired the formation of the London Hebrew-Christian Alliance (1866) and its American counterpart (1915). In Eastern Europe, too, an unaffiliated Judeo-Christianity found enthusiastic leaders such as Isaac Lichtenshtein, a renegade Hungarian rabbi, whose missionary work was commended by Church spokesmen. Here, it was maintained, were voices that could not be stifled, preaching the deeply rooted in the Divine Word of the New Covenant as the Jewish nation has not possessed since the days of the Apostles. Their proclamation of a pure Christianity reinforced the conviction that "Israel would return to its allegiance with resultant revival of faith among all believers."

### Apostasy is result

Such experiments in a revived Judeo-Christianity have invariably ended in complete apostasy. Joseph Rabinovich's "Children of Israel of the New Testament" (1983), a sect that sought to combine Jewish observance and national identity with a belief in Jesus as the Messiah, collapsed when its founder became a Lutheran and immersed himself in German missionary activities among the Jews of Russia (a fact that Schonfield carefully suppresses in his book).

Similarly, another group called "New Israel" and established with Russian government approval at about the same time, petered out when its leader became a Protestant. In the West, other "prophets" also tried to re-establish the original "Hebrew Christian branch" of the church. Mark John Levy, head of the Christian Jews' Patriotic Alliance, obtained a favourable response from the Episcopal Church of the U.S. when he pleaded in 1907 for a restored Jewish Christian communion. However, nothing of significance was achieved until after World War I.

"Messianic Jews" in Britain and America saw the hand of Providence in the Balfour Declaration, which they interpreted as clear evidence that "the times of the gentiles" were nearing their end. At a conference held in London in 1925, an International Hebrew Christian Alliance representing "Christ-believing Jews" in 18 countries was called into being. Significantly, one of its stated aims was "to make it possible for Hebrew Christians... to

share in the activities of Zionism, and to claim for them equal rights in terms of the Balfour Declaration."

In the course of his presidential address, Sir Leon Levison declared with notable arrogance that, in so organizing themselves, the new Ebionites intended no betrayal of "orthodox" Jewry: "It does not mean forsaking our Jewish brethren; it means, on the contrary, that we are prepared to do more for their welfare spiritually than all the Rabbis put together..."

While the Alliance thereafter devoted much effort to the founding of industrial and agricultural colonies of "Hebrew Christians" in Mandatory Palestine (of this kind of settlement we in Israel have had more recent news), its overall objectives received the immediate support of the International Missionary Council.

The Holocaust of European Jewry and the establishment of the State of Israel undermined these endeavours and confronted the new Ebionites with grave practical and theological problems. Their difficulties have not been lessened by the disavowal of most Churches to lend support to missionary work following the Vatican Declaration on the Jews and the Protestant ecumenical movement, which incidentally seeks a "meaningful dialogue" with Judaism. Those elements that seek to Christianize Jewry from within now have to rely for financial support on certain fundamentalist groups of avowed missionary intent — mainly Scandinavian Lutherans and U.S. Baptists.

### External aid

The present-day "Jews for Jesus" would be hamstrung without such external aid, whatever their leaders may claim. As recent press and radio interviews have amply demonstrated, their appeal to the modern "lost sheep of the House of Israel" is almost entirely emotional and bereft of intellectual content. This is the basic weakness of the latest "Hebrew Christian" movement, for, while it may succeed in winning souls among young Jews jettisoned by the New Left or alienated by the religious indifference of some American Reform Rabbis, the sect has nothing to offer any Jew who has been taught to appreciate the meaning and glory of his heritage and who has some real knowledge of how Christianity originated. Moreover, few will be impressed by a "Jews for Jesus" spokesman such as Shmuel Lindsey who allegedly converted to Judaism under false pretences.

The original Judeo-Christians insisted on the primacy of *Halacha*, but believed that the Messiah would return at the end of days as the carpenter's son who had lived and preached among them. Jews, on the other hand, have so far seen no evidence of the Messiah's advent in a world hostile to the spirit of Torah and frequently cool towards Israel's continued survival.

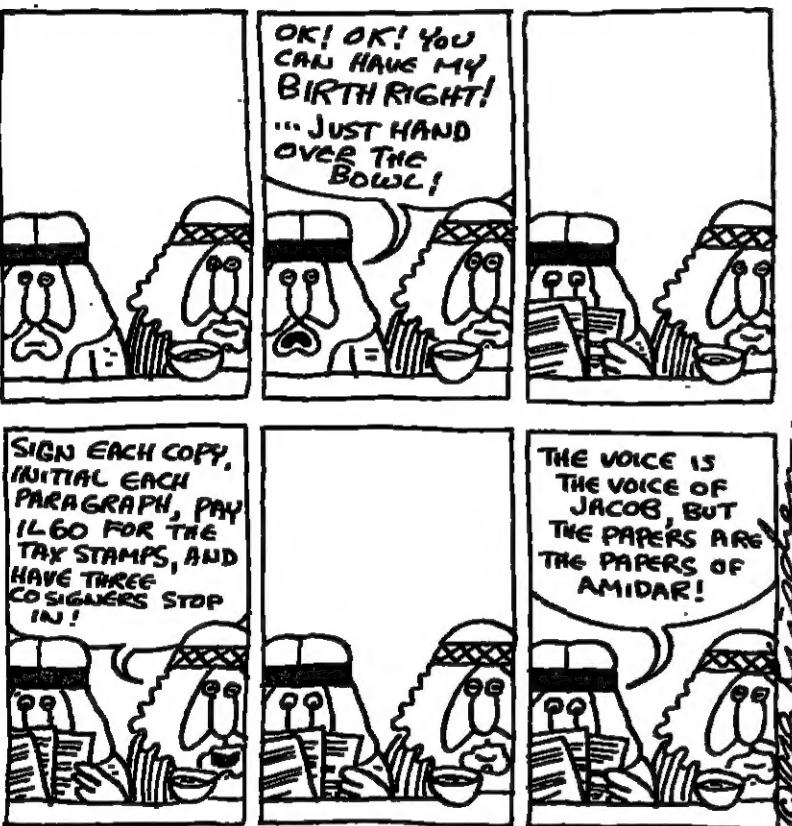
Only the "Hebrew Christians" and their latest offspring maintain the pathetic fiction that two quite different interpretations of God and His plan for mankind can be woven into one and that history can somehow be rewritten to accord with their own peculiar beliefs. Much more obviously needs to be written and taught about those thousands of gentile "proselytes of righteousness" — "ex-Christians for Torah" — so to speak — who bore witness for their faith and died reciting the *Shema*, whether in Rome, medieval England and France, Czarist Russia, or Nazi Germany. Their story might healthily disturb people who complacently believe that only the Church has had such heroes and martyrs and that "greater love hath no man than this."

### Short-sighted zealots

It is a sad irony that the short-sighted zealotry of those who abused Dr. David Meier, the Rabbinitically-trained director of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, and who more recently subjected Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to physical assault, should now — Heaven forbid! — threaten to make new martyrs of the misguided and ill-informed "Jews for Jesus" sect. Only intelligent argument, educational schemes and patient social work can and will restore these "lost sheep of the House of Israel" to their ancestral fold.

Emotion certainly has a place in Judaism, but so has the exercise of one's intellect. As Heine once wryly observed, "It is very difficult for a Jew to be converted, for how can he bring himself to believe in the divinity of... another Jew?"

## Dry Bones



### FOREIGN PRESS

## NO VIETNAM REPLAY

The Washington Post on the Indochina conference: "Indochina is now the object of its third international conference in 20 years, a distinction no other region has suffered."

On at least two basic grounds, this conference does not look like a replay. First, the conferences on Vietnam in 1954 and on Laos in 1962 were called essentially to draft certain kinds of settlements. This was difficult and took a long time

each time around, and both settlements broke down. But the current Paris conference has been called for the very different purpose of ratifying a settlement already written by the parties the January 27 Vietnam cease-fire agreement.

Second, in marked contrast to the situation in 1954 and 1962, the principal outside powers now seem to share a certain limited but real consensus about how they are willing to see matters work out in Indochina.

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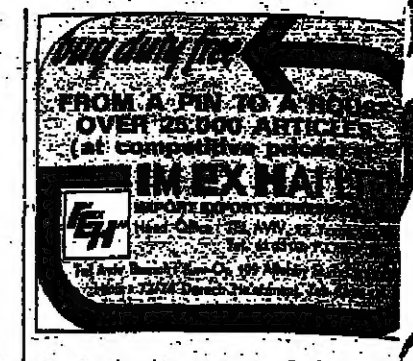
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## READERS' LETTERS

### MEDICAL CONTROVERSY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — I wish to refer to the letter of Dr. Lobel of the Kupat Holim Centre which appeared in your issue of February 1.

If Dr. Lobel is speaking in name, as I suspect, it is strange that he should be capable of labelling his doctor employees as group in such a way and on basis of generalisations. He is tagging the hand that feeds him, denying the right to existence Kupat Holim. After all, Kupat Holim cannot provide medical service without doctors.

But if Dr. Lobel's letter represents his personal view, then (pardon me) he is persuaded that only he is imbued with high motives and therefore entitled to award grades to his colleagues (his ivory tower) he has forgotten the doctors' oath which requires him to defend his colleagues' honour, their honour is his honour.

At all events, the insults contained in his letter are libellous as we will reply accordingly.

DR. E. YISRAELI, Chairman of the Organisation of Kupat Holim Doctors

Tel Aviv, February 15.

### THE CASE FOR CABLE TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Mr. Shmuel Almog is just made the staggering declaration that, if Dimona cannot be cable TV, then Tel Aviv should not have it either (February 9). I have no financial interest in cable TV, but even Mr. Almog admits that an alternative TV program is badly needed and that a budgetary considerations prevent as far as the Israel Broadcasting Authority is concerned. So why let cable TV do so free of charge? Mr. Almog says he fears that Israel public will launch out on wild buying spree if cable TV is allowed in Israel. He can't trust the average Israeli to be a level-headed and short of us to do any such thing.

CHAIM ROSE

Ramat Gan, February 22.

### CHIVALRY LIVES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Who says Egged drivers are inconsiderate, or that there is no chivalry?

It happened this morning, woman who boarded the bus, we noticed I had left a note on a ledge near the bus stop, reminding me of this after I seated. Before I had a chance to think, several young men took the cry, "Stop, driver, the lady's note-book" (I am past 40).

Without a word, the driver stepped up half a block and returned the station. He opened the door and I triumphantly retrieved my note-book.

SHOSHANA WENGER

Jerusalem, February 19.